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**Dear Family,
Thought I would write, say hello!, and share a little
about our steps ahead...**

**First of all, welcome to the Branches Family Letter!
The introduction on this page of the website explains the origin of
these letters and their purpose. They are not to be thought of as a
'newsletter'. They're of a more personal nature, a sharing, from
myself and my family to all of you and your family. That's why I
began years ago to call them 'family letters'.**

**As we are hopefully enduring the last portion of a record breaking
winter season and are looking forward to spring, our focus is ever
more intense upon what this year, 2015, will bring. We know that
'the time is upon us'! Meaning, that life-changing events are expected
in a greater way than we have realized them already. There are many
evidences of this, one would definitely be the 'plague' of illness
everyone has experienced this year, even those who have remained
largely secluded from others and still have been sick. The onslaught
of sinus, ear infectious, bronchial, pneumonia producing germs and
viruses have definitely been stepped up.**

**God has promised to make a 'distinction' between those who are His
and the world just as He did in Egypt long ago. I am reminded how
that the wizards of Egypt, Jannes and Jambres, mimicked the first
three things that God brought upon Egypt: the rod that changed into
a serpent, the water into blood, and the frogs from the river that
covered the land.**

However, when it came to the lice(Chapter 8:16-19), the wizards could not copy it. Moreover, they told Pharaoh that it was 'the finger of God'! The word used there for 'God', is '*Elohim*', the Gods of the Hebrews! The magicians acknowledged the One True God! Yet, Pharaoh's heart was hardened. Immediately thereafter, God sent a plague of flies, and had Moses to inform Pharaoh that, 'in that day'(verse 22, 23), He would '*sever*' – *distinguish, make a miraculous separation; and he would make a 'division' – a distinction, a ransom, a deliverance;* between the land of Goshen where Israel lived and all of the rest of Egypt. And it was so during all of the remaining plagues that came upon Egypt. In this '*distinction*', God began to make known the redemptive sacrifice of His only begotten Son, Jesus. It was made manifest in Egypt in the Paschal, the Passover Lamb and the blood that was put on the lintel and side-posts of the doors of Israel's dwellings.

We are seeing that same '*separation*' and '*distinction*' taking place today, with us and all of those who hunger after God, as God brings us out of the world and establishes us in our own places of '*Goshen – in the world, but not of the world*'. Dear ones, as this happens watch and see how that the Lord causes his own to be totally separated from the '*plagues*' and the '*judgments*' that are coming upon the world. More than that, He will exalt his people and cause them to be prosperous and to flourish!

2015 is going to bring major steps and major events toward this end. The same God who hardened Pharaoh's heart and humbled Egypt is now, in our time, hardening the hearts of the Leaders, the Pharaoh's of this world, and will humble the nations all over the world as He establishes His Throne and Kingdom in the earth. At that time, in ancient Egypt, God revealed himself in a new way:

“I am Yahweh(Lord, God), I appeared to Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by the name El Shaddai(God Almighty), but by my name Yhovah(Jehovah – Self Existant{I Am That I Am}, Eternal) was I not known to them. I have also established my covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan...” (Exodus 6:2-4)

God is revealing himself in a new way today also. It will be in the kingdom: its glory, its King, its new people, and 'the new heavens and earth'. Many blessings... Benjamin